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***“Building Unity in the Community through  
Professionalism, Passion, Vision and Commitment.”***

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***“Prevention STARTS with Preparation”***

The Richland County Sheriff's Department is prepared to help you prevent crime and specifically acts of violence. We do this through our mission:

**It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life for ALL citizens. Through passion and commitment we will maintain a high standard of professional accountability and will reduce the fear of crime and the fear of retaliation by the criminal element.**

**This mission will be accomplished by building unity between the Sheriff's Department and the community; joining our high standards of excellence with our vision for safer communities. Everyone will employ effective Community Policing strategies and problem-solving techniques; all supported by aggressive enforcement of Federal, State and Local Laws.**



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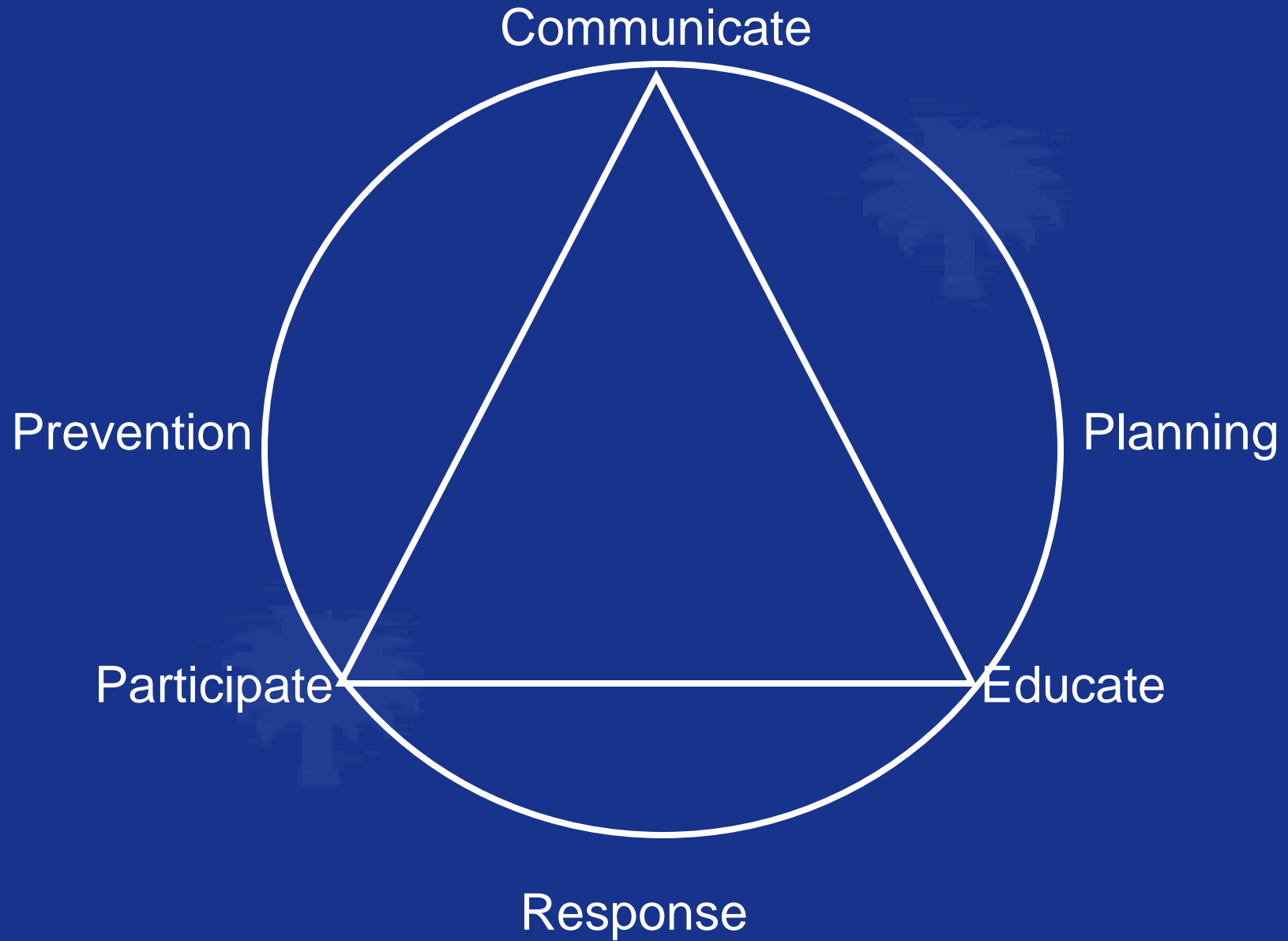
# CRITICAL INCIDENT PREPAREDNESS

“Crime Prevention

Through Environmental Design”

and

*YOUR FAMILY, YOUR STAFF, YOUR COMMUNITY*



# What is your environment:

- Churches
- Synagogues
- Temples
- Mosques
- Schools
- Businesses
- Parks and Recreation
- Government
- Apartment Complexes

# Different parts to your “environment”:

- Physical
- Mind sets
- Operations
- Policies and Procedures
- Perception
- Reality

# Angles of Approach:

- Polices
- Procedures
- Training
- Environment
- Education, Awareness and Empowerment



# Angles of Approach:

1. Overall, general, specific Safety
2. Critical Incident Preparation

# Angles of Approach:

- Overall Safety
  - Policies and procedures
  - Plans of action
  - Long term safety training
- Critical Incidents
  - Corporate response
  - Citizen response
  - Public safety response
    - » Public safety need



*How Safe are you; in your own mind?*  
*The Reality is that*  
*Safety Starts with Personal Safety:*

- **If we could tell you something that would save your life would you be interested?**
- **99% of Americans vs. 98% prevented**

The FBI tells us that a community that gets involved can reduce crime by 80%.

Do you want to be part of that %?

# Precautions and Prevention

- **Keep in mind it can happen to you.**
- **Obey your instincts and react fast.**
- **Increase your safety and avoid dangerous situations.**
- **Pay attention to detail and educate yourself.**
- **Protect yourself.**
- **Do we have carjackings and home invasions? Know what they are and what can cause one to occur.**
- **How to respond if you are attacked.**
- **Don't take chances with your safety!!**

# Personal Safety Tips

- Analyze your surroundings.
- Be prepared for anything.
- Know if you are sending out “easy target signals”.
- Realize that for you to get involved in your Community, it will make a difference.

# Safety Tips

- **Never make personal information available to anyone.**
- **Always make sure your vehicle is in good working condition.**
- **Never carry large amounts of cash or wear excessive amounts of jewelry.**
- **Always lock your car doors, whether driving or not.**
- **Always look inside and under your car before you get into it.**
- **Always park in well lit and visible locations.**
- **Tell someone where you are going, when you are leaving, and the approximate time of return.**
- **Establish and practice some prearranged distress signals at work and at home.**
- **Be suspicious, by nature.**

# Safety Tips continued...

- Always have an escape plan.
- Be suspicious of everyone.
- Do not have the mind-set that it can't happen to you.
- If you see something suspicious, you are an extra set of eyes and ears for the police.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view in your car.
- Practice Awareness
  - restaurant safety
  - personal safety
  - travel safety
  - shopping safety
  - workplace safety
  - school, church, home safety



# Office Security Awareness

- Do not leave phone numbers or addresses in an open area.
- Lock doors after hours when people are inside the business.
- Do not leave your car running.
- Do not give out other employees personal information.
- Survey your place of employment for overall safety.

# Suspicious Activity

- **Definition**: Any event taking place out of the ordinary, which could lead to a crime or be a crime in progress.
- **Reminder**: You may be telling Law Enforcement something that they are not aware of or you may be giving them the vehicle that they need to investigate and possibly make an arrest.

# When Calling the Police

- Give your location, especially if on a cell phone.
- Stay calm.
- Be specific.
  - Where the crime is occurring.
  - What type of crime or activity is occurring.
  - Was anyone hurt.
  - Give a detailed description.
- Stay on the phone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.
- The more information you give, the better.
- ***The information you give may be the tools we need to do our job!***

# Prevention STARTS with Preparation:

- Identification of Issues that you will face
- Identification of Resources available to you
- Identification of Preparations needed
- Identification of Actions needed
- Education, Empowerment and Awareness

# Prevention STARTS with Preparation and learning how to:

- Handling and preparing for public safety response
- Deal with the different types of and how to have evacuation plans
- Developing Reunification sites
- Emergency preparedness (plans, kits, awareness)
- Information sharing
- Resource sharing
- Communication before, during and after
- Warning signs to be aware of
- What your Sheriff is doing to prepare
- What your Sheriff needs you to do

# Training Options for you from your Sheriff:

- **Community Safety: “Prevention STARTS with Preparation”**  
Sheriff Leon Lott 803-576-3021 or [Sheriff@rcsd.net](mailto:Sheriff@rcsd.net)
- **The Community Action Team: Helping you prepare your family, community, business and church for; personal safety training, workplace violence prevention, realtor safety, armed robbery prevention, CPTED analysis of your home or business, personalized training to your family, church, community or business and hundreds of other topics.**  
Point of Contact: Lt. Rafael Gonzalez 803-576-3191 or [ragonzalez@rcsd.net](mailto:ragonzalez@rcsd.net)
- **Special Response Team/Training Division: Helping you prepare for and prevent active shooter, hostage situations, bomb threats, high risk/high threat scenarios, what to expect from public safety responses to high risk situations.** Point of contact: Lt. Ricky Ezzell 803-576-1487 or [rezzell@rcsd.net](mailto:rezzell@rcsd.net)
- **Homeland Security – Emergency Evacuations: Helping you prepare for the need for “shelters in place”, how to get information when events occur, emergency preparedness kits, crisis management, emergency evacuations (don’t always include fire drills or bomb scares).**  
Point of contact: Sgt. Don Murphy 803-576-3455 or [dmurphy@rcsd.net](mailto:dmurphy@rcsd.net)
- **School and Park Safety – Education and Empowerment; making your schools, parks and surrounding community safer. What RCSD is doing to make your schools safe, building contingency plans, family re-unification sites, evacuation plans, active shooter prevention, public safety rapid response and what to expect, how to use crime prevention through environmental design to make your school and community safer.**  
Point of contact: Lt. Mark McColman 803-419-4879 or [mmccolman@rcsd.net](mailto:mmccolman@rcsd.net)

# Workplace Violence

## A Manager's Perspective



# Active Shooter: How to respond





# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

## Church Safety: “PROTECTING YOUR FLOCK”



# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

School Safety:  
“PROTECTING YOUR STAFF,  
STUDENTS AND  
SURROUNDING COMMUNITY”



# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

## Emergency Operations Planning for:

- your school, park, business, church/synagogue, mosque, chapel”

